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PAPERS BY THE PEOPLE

THE TEMPTATION TO TELL A LIE

By John A. Howland.

Reading the young man-right-in-his-truth telling, he indicates in this virtue-a-training and self-control that cannot fail to be of value to an employer. Let an superior in office call that young man before him for questioning. Something is wrong in the young man's work. He is asked to explain, and he, recognizing his fault, takes the blame for it all upon himself without seeking subterfuge of any kind.

What does the employer say in this frank-truthfulness?

Here at once may be the live proof of that young man's true value to that house. That he will tell the truth at once lifts a heavy burden from the employer's shoulders. That young man will be a valuable asset to the company.

Men who have lied all their lives have made so-called business successes. But they are not men admired of friends in wholesale. And who shall say that their world's measure of success might not have been far greater if they had been disciples of the truth?

IN DEFENSE OF HONEST WEALTH

By E. Benjamin Andrews.

"I care not a straw for the rich, as such. My interest and sympathy are solely with general society and the common man." And, speaking as a representative of the people at large, I urge that the pride, interest and domestic practices of a few rich are no just cause for putting all rich men in DICTATORSHIP.

The possession of wealth, however great, furnishes by itself no presumption against the owner's probity. If a man can fraudulently become possessor of ten thousand, he can, if he works with the same zeal, skill and power, not only as easily but more easily, secure a hundred thousand, two hundred thousand, five hundred thousand, a million, a hundred million.

Now and again arises, up until the coming of the business man, one with the ability to make, by the end that semi-automatic power to set and keep this hundred million earning, with the same precision, governing his first investment. He combines industry with industry, and effects saving. He takes advantage of price errors and hesitancy.

If he becomes a billionaire, you have no right to be

anxious any part of his fortune, save upon proof of fraud. The mere fact of his being so rich is naught but proof of his genius and his industry.

MODERN DRESS CONTRARY TO NATURE

By Dr. Toulouse.

The dress of woman represents the highest point of reckless indulgence and is in bitter opposition to sense and good judgment. The chest, which contains the heart and the lungs, is frequently barely covered while the hips, which are far less susceptible to cold, are padded unnecessarily. The long dresses, in which women delight, are in every case hindrance and constraint to their wear. Women, as a rule, hate frequently cover them the appearance of being intended for Chinese torture. When one sees a woman dressed that way walking the streets one soon perceives that she has a hard and prosaic role to play.

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FEDERAL REGULATION OF TRUSTS

By I. N. Seligman, Bonker.

That there are evils and dangers connected with the trusts is undoubted but the way to remedy them is to seek appropriate legislation to cure the evils while maintaining the benefits. To seek to abolish trusts as such is visionary; to seek to cure some of the evils of trusts is practically feasible.

It appears to me however, that the only reasonable and natural evolution of our corporations, associations and foundations is to be directed toward the possibility of establishing any intelligent regulation of corporations if every State is permitted to do its own laws.

I firmly believe that the granting of a general franchise in the country would tend to reduce such companies as permitted within the law, and would defend them from harassment by separate legislatures.

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anxious any part of his fortune, save upon proof of fraud. The mere fact of his being so rich is naught but proof of his genius and his industry.

THE NEW FASTNET LIGHTHOUSE.

This great tower of Cornish granite, the first beacon to the transatlantic liners on the European side, has just been completed at a cost of \$420,000. It is the most modern, as well as one of the most important, lights in the world, and from it Europe receives the first tidings of incoming vessels.

Work of construction began four years ago, when it was found that the cast-iron tower, which had stood for many years on the pinnacle of the rocky isle, a menace to the greatest shipping, could not withstand the assaults of wind and sea. The new tower, therefore, was built from the base of the rock, where the waves, which frequently dashed completely over the old lighthouse, would have less effect. It is built of 2,074 great blocks of granite, with an aggregate weight of 4,300 tons. The entrance door is five feet above high-water mark, and is girdled by a storm door of armor plate. The lantern is lighted by incandescent burners of 1,200 candle-power. This is intensified by lenses of 70,000 candle-power, the single glass covering every second.

FARMERS' WAYS IN JAPAN.

How They Live, Work and Have Their Being.

Straw which American farmers throw away Japanese farmers would utilize, says the St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Whatever grows or passes to decay is of value to him, he managing to get

along and be happy and contented on very little.

One who is the possessor of a horse and cart is considered to be wealthy. It seems very good to us, but most of the horses belonging to the farmers wear shoes made of rice straw, even the clumsiest horses.

A farmer taking goods to market will take extra shoes with him to replace the horse in the event of one pair wearing out. The shoes are tied around the ankles with straw rope made of rice straw, braided so that they form a sole for the foot about half an inch thick.

The average shoe usually lasts about eight miles of travel.

In Japan, in former times it was usual to measure the distance by the number of shoes it took to cover the distance. The horse's bit and harness is also made of the rice straw.

They are too poor to buy harness like American farmers would have.

The farmers wear shoes, hats and stockings made of rice straw.

The Japanese farmer usually dwells in a comfortable, inviting, faultlessly clean home, without a particle of dust or dirt.

The translucent paper wall of his house made of the bark of the mitsumata shrub, floods his dwelling with light and keeps out the wind.

The common food served in Japan is but inexpensive dishes made of native wood.

Even in the houses of the poorest there are no visible signs of poverty.

There is no squallor in agricultural Japan. The humblest peasant farmer is clean, industrious and comfortable in the area of fence corners abandoned by many American farms to wild uncultivated, etc., would furnish a

INDIAN RIVER PIRATES.

How They Distract Their Real Piracy.

There is little humor in the acquirements of the Indian river pirates, responsible for the long series of crimes and depredations against river-bound trade.

There are several gangs whose methods are known to the police, and at the same time, known to the public. There is known as the "Bumblin Gang," otherwise called the "Red Indians," who have been known to the police, and at the same time, known to the public.

These men are in bands. They ascend down from the upper reaches of the river, and hire or purchase a large passenger steamer, generally a "Brown Boat." They sometimes steal, or, if necessary, pose as passengers, and in addition to a considerable number travel inside the steamer to personal passengers. A steamer is procured, and the arrangements are complete. The boats selected for capture are generally placed in the river.

When coming into contact from a distance, the Indian boats frequently have to anchor for the night, or to await the change of tide. No watch is kept, except, perhaps, in rare instances, and the pirates range alongside and demand their prey. This is frequently delivered up without a struggle. But even such resistance as is offered is invariably taken up, and the victims are invariably taken up, and are not in a position to withstand for any length of time.

The old methods, the "hunting up" method is perhaps the best. Cut off the bottom limbs to a point 3 or 4 feet from the ground, then cut off the ends of the most extending branches. Do not prune too closely. Hunting may be done any time this winter or early spring, but the wounds should be covered at once with paint. An old tree stands erect, and will suffice if there are a large number of wounds on it.

But irrigation is not to be thought

of as a permanent enterprise in India.

"For a number of years it has been the policy at the Iowa Experiment Station, and Agricultural College," says Professor Curtis, "to use corn and cotton instead of cotton whenever the conditions are such as to warrant grinding at all, and we have never had any injurious results that could be attributed to the use of corn and cotton when properly ground and fed to cattle."

In this other case the United States may draw an example from abroad instead of setting one. Holland has

planned to spend \$75,000,000 in re-

pairing 1,400 square miles of territory now held by the Zuider Zee. The little Kingdom will destroy a wide stretch of historic waters, but it will feel re-

paid in crops and rents.

Decreasing Length of Stock.

The results secured at the Illinois

Experiment Station in breeding corn so that ears will come at a certain position on the stalk will interest

growers everywhere. Growers of corn

on the rich, bottom lands have com-

plained for years that too much grain

want to walk, at the expense of the

ear as well as of soil fertility. The

Illinois Station says that every spring

it is within his own hands to de-

termine the location of ears and re-

duce the height of the stalk. The

way to do it is merely selection.

Planting around the field now and

again as foundation stock, seed corn

growing at easy distance from the

ground, and then repeating the pro-

cess each year until the habit becomes

fixed. We walked through a 200-acre

field of corn with the owner a few

days ago. The corn had had a man-

ager's growth, but as the owner re-

marked: "You would have to roll it

down before you could bush it." The

ears were out of all proportion to the

growth of stalk and what a waste of

soil fertility in producing these man-

made stalks! Select the low-down

heavy stalks, waterrooted and with

a good ear set within easy reaching

distance. A stalk of that kind will

resist wind, it ripens earlier and it will

produce a good size ear of corn.

The use of electricity in cultivating

farm and garden products is not new,

says the Ohio Magazine, but it has

made considerable progress in recent

years. One method of experiment has

been to stretch a wire across a field

high enough not to touch the grow-

ing plants and circulate through it an

electrical current. In other exper-

iments the soil has been electrified by

wires under and around the roots. By

the former method it is said that straw

berries attained an increased product

of from 60 to 180 per cent, corn from

25 to 40 per cent, potatoes 20 per cent,

beans 25 per cent and other products in

part of the fabulous salaries some

actors get is real money.

ARMY AND GARDEN

TELLS IT IN BILLIONS.

Piggy's Report Shows Deposits in Banks Totaling \$13,059,633,318.

Central Bank as a Remedy for Conditions Such as Appeared in Recent Flurry.

YEARS GAIN IS \$844,000,000.

The annual report of Comptroller

Ridgeley on the currency situation shows

that individual deposits in all reporting

banks in 1900 aggregated \$1,288,803,70

while for the current year individual de-

posits in all reporting banks aggregate

\$13,099,633,318, a gain of over \$800,

000 within the past seven years, or

80 per cent. During the current year there has been a gain of approximately

\$844,000,000, or 6.2 per cent.

Individual deposits representing over

50 per cent of the banks' liabilities repre-

sents the maximum in the history of the sys-

tem on May 20, 1907, when they amounted to

\$4,322,880,141. The amount to the credit

of deposits on June 30, 1907, was \$4,517,741.

The gross increase in deposits during the

last five years, or 1903-1907, the gross de-

posits in 1903 were \$84,000,000.

On June 30, 1907, the gross de-

posits in the United States were \$1,

000,000,000.

The total stock of money in the United

THROUGH CHILD WOULD DIE.
White Body Covered with Cuban Fish
Cultura Remedies Cured at Cost
of Seventy-Five Cents.
"My little boy, when only an infant
of three months, caught the Cuban
Fish. Sores broke out from his head
to the bottom of his feet. He would
tear and claw himself and cry all the
time. He could not sleep day or night,
and a light dress is all he could wear.
I called one of our best doctors to
treat him but he seemed to get worse.
He suffered so terribly that my husband
said he believed he would have
to die. I had almost given up hope
when a lady friend told me to try the
Cultura Remedies. I used the Culti-
cure Soap and applied the Culti-
cure Ointment and he at once fell into a
sleep, and he slept with ease for the
first time since two months. After
three applications the sores began to
dry up, and in just two weeks from
the day I commenced to use the Culti-
cure Remedies my baby was entirely
well. The treatment only cost me 75c
and I would have gladly paid \$100 if I
could not have got it cheaper. I feel
safe in saying that the Culti-cure Remedies
have saved his life. He is now a boy
of five years. Mrs. Anna Miller, Union
City, R. R. D., No. 1, Branch Con-
Mich. May 17, 1906."

ALL IN THE FAMILY.
Mr. Jagger awoke from a troubled
dream and saw his wife going through the
pockets of his trousers.
"If you find anything in them, my
dear," he said, "we know who will you?"
"If I don't find anything in them, Eber-
nezer," she answered in a high-keen
voice, "I'll let you know all-right."

Making no reply, Mr. Jagger sim-
ly awaited the coming explosion.

600 REWARD.

The author of this paper will be pleased
to learn that she has been able to cure in
all its stages and that is Cataract. Hall's
Cataract Cure is the only positive cure now
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the blood and mucous surfaces of the sys-
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any case that is fails to cure. Send for his

Address: Mr. GREENE & CO., Toledo, O.
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Senators Short of Cash.
Senators and Representatives, many
whose possessions run up into the millions
of dollars, are telling humorous tales of
financial embarrassment during the recent
money stringency.

"Just before coming to Washington,
said Representative Lowden of Illinois,
one of the wealthy men of the State, 'I
dropped into my favorite restaurant for
luncheon. My bill was \$2.50, and not
having that amount of currency, I signed
the check.'

"Sorry, son," said the waiter, "but the
new rules require payment in cash."

"I replied, 'Surely you can't expect me
to pay cash when my bank in Chicago
won't pay cash,'" Boston Tribune.

A Great Relief.

"It must be hard," said the friend,
to have your wife running off to
women's rights meetings and all that
sort of thing every night."

"Hard," replied Rippeck, "why, it's
great! I can sit comfortably at home
and not have to listen to her."

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THURSDAY, DEC. 26.

Local Matter

Elizabeth Salling is home

from Rapid City.

Miss Burton has returned from a

visit in Saginaw.

Miss Engler of Madison Wis. is a

guest at the home of Wm. Fisher.

Miss Ida Hammond will spend

Christmas with her sister in Bay

City.

Prof. Bradley and the boys are

spending Xmas at Grandpa's in Peru

Mich.

Mrs. Nellie Thomas is making her

mother, Mrs. F. Freeland, an extend-

ed visit.

Fred Slight and family came down

to stay at Grandpa Haven's yesterday.

For Salzburg and St. Charles coal

the best soft coal in their market can

be had at H. Bates.

Orders promptly filled.

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The Christmas exercises at the M.

E. church Monday evening were

largely attended and of unusual interest.

A fine program of recitations

and music was completed and the

usual distribution of sweets by Santa

Claus. It was a merry time.

Our sympathy is with F. L. Michel

son at Johannesburg today. Only

fourteen went up to dinner to Uncle

Nels' E. E. Hartwick and wife from

Jackson, all the brothers and sisters

in law and nephews. At the same

time we congratulate them all for the

joyous occasion.

As usual Christmas is being well

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fully decorated for the occasion. Ser-

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subject of the sermon was "The

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worshippers, part of whom participated

in the holy communion service.

Occasion the subject was "Shall we be

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Resolutions of Condolence.

We learn. The Angel of Death has

deemed it best to call from our Arbor

the worthy companion, Miss Burton.

Whereas, It is our duty to acknowl-

edge our submission to the will of a

Supreme Ruler, and to submit in con-

power to lighten the sorrows of the

afflicted, therefore be it

Resolved, That Alpha Arbor Factor

No. 102 A. O. O. G. extend to the

relatives of the deceased their heart-

felt sympathy and that the chapter of

our Arbor be adjourned in mourning for

a period of thirty days and best

Resolved, That a copy of these reso-

lutions shall be sent to the relatives

of the worthy Companion, a copy

spread upon the records of our Arbor

and a copy sent to our local paper.

ARTHUR W. PARKER

MARY STEWART

HERBERT E. PARKER

Committee.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Resolutions of respect passed by

Crawford County Grange, that where-

as it has pleased the Devine Master

to call our esteemed sister Bertha Ha-

nes from our grange to a higher sphere

therefore be it

Resolved, That while we realize the

loss sustained by her family we also

bow to His sovereign will, realizing

that "He doeth all things well" and

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LAUNCH for publication.

PERRY OSTRANDER

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SUSAN FUNCK

Committee.

Tea a Cold Weather Drink.

One third more tea is used in au-

umn and winter than in summer and

spring.



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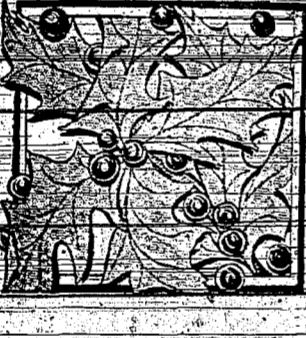
Anything from a Needle to
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Finest line of China Ware, Dry Goods, Fancy Christmas
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to have

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC 26

Local and Neighborhood News.

Take No

The date following this paper shows to when subscription is paid. On time is up, please renew following your name our money.

All advertisements, correspondence, etc., by Tuesday noon, and considered later.

Frank Jorgenson came from Ypsilanti, Saturday, and will put in the week with the family here.

A Garland Air Tight Heater for sale. Price \$10. A bargain for some one. Inquire at this office.

Our holiday stock highest in quality, broadest in variety, fairest in price.

A Whole Family.

Get the best for

Buying days from now until

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W. F. BRINK.

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TAXES OF 1891.

Local News

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PERRY OSTRANDER

MARGARET BURTON

SUSAN FUNK

Committee.

ed this most wonderful of days, when all celebrate "The Coming of the King." The distribution of fruit, confectionery etc. was generous and especially delightful to the junior members.

French horticulturists have apparently been very successful of late in raising dwarf trees, and one of the features of dinner parties among the rich now is to serve the fruit upon the tree.

A. M. LEWIS & CO.

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Coffee That's All Coffee

Ask your dealer for MO-KA, the high-grade

coffee at a popular price.

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 26

Local and Neighborhood News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are one dollar per year IN ADVANCE. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondences, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and cannot be considered later.

Subscribers take Notice

On and after the first day of January, 1908, the subscription price of the AVALANCHE will be \$1.50 per year payable in advance.

The price of paper is higher than ever before known, and the cost of all material used

in the printing business has advanced to such an extent that this action is an imperative

necessity if the paper is to be kept even self-sustaining to say

nothing of any profit. All sub-

scriptions received before Janu-

ary 1st, whether new or renew-

als will be at \$1.00 per year.

A new advertising schedule

will also be made for the coming

year.

Every subscriber to the AVALANCHE is requested to look at the date on his paper this week, and to read the notice above.

Miss Kenney visits her parents in Mt. Pleasant for Christmas.

For fire insurance see R. W. Brink.

He is in the lookout for Hathaway's new stock of Xmas goods.

Miss Edith McIntyre is home for the holidays from Marion, Ind.

Go to C. L. Hathaway for Edison phonographs and records.

Miss Redhead is at home with her people at Judges for Christmas.

Miss Baker will eat her Christmas dinner with her parents at Petoskey.

The prices are as small as the as-

sortment is large at Sorenson's Furni-

ture store.

Miss Edith Bell of our High School

is at home in Big Rapids for the

holidays.

Look up our subscription offers, and

arrange for your next year's reading at once.

Miss McFarland is at home in Scottville for the Christmas vacation.

Give me your order for a nice song

bird for Xmas. Name and see what I have to offer. VICTOR SALLING.

The Misses Irving are spending the

holidays at home in Croswell, Mich.

Remarkably fine goods at a re-

markably low price at Sorenson's

Furniture store.

FOR SALE—A pair of heavy sleighs

as good as new. Price \$10. N. E. Olson.

Miss O'Gallagher spends her vaca-

tion at home in Greenville, Mich.

FOR SALE—A span of good ponies

good drivers and good workers, cheap

for cash. H. Funk, Pere Marquette.

Will Woodburn has his feet under

his Dad's table for Christmas.

FOR SALE—A fine young team

of half brothers, closely matched, good

drivers and good workers, sound and

all-right. O. PALMER.

Don Jerome, Will Fisher, Connie

Kraus and Ole Johnson, students at

M. A. C. are spending Christmas at

home.

For sewing machines, the best in

the market, and at the lowest price,

call at the AVALANCHE office.

Miss Katharine Liles is home from

Alma, and has resumed her place in

the post office where she is an expert.

LOST—A pretty silk neck scarf.

Black with blue figures and blue bars

in the back. Finder will please leave

it at this office or with Mrs. Wm. Schreiber.

The undersigned wishes to bring

out his well brok ex-team to some

camp for the winter. S. G. HENDER-

SON, Wellington, Mich.

FOR SALE—Cheap for cash, house

with ten acres on the south side, all

in good condition with some over-

frontage. Also several good improved

farms at your own price. Enquire at

this office.

W. A. Johnson of Maple Forest has

a fine colt that will be three years

old next spring which captured the

blue ribbon at the Grand Fair this

fall. Mr. Johnson desires to sell the

colt but if not sold he will keep him

for service next season.

Don't come to us, if you want a

white buckwheat flour (or corn flour

and wheat). But if you want the pure,

dark old fashioned article, we have

it. Milled so as to retain the sweet

honey flavor of the old fashioned

buckwheat cake. Try a 10-pound sack at 43 cents today. Guaranteed

Pure. South Side Market.

S. S. Phelps, Prop.

Frank Jorgenson came from Ypsi-
Saturday, and will put in the week
with the family here.

A Garland Air Tight Heater for
sale. Price \$10. A bargain for some
one. Inquire at this office.

Our holiday stock highest in qual-
ity—broadest in variety—fairest in price,
at Sorenson's Furniture store.

Supervisor Craven of Frederic is on
an extended visit at Grand Rapids and Flint.

LOST—A ladies pocket book with
about \$4 in money. Finder, please
return to this office and receive re-
ward.

BORN To Mr. and Mrs. Dan
Hoels, Dec. 20, a son. Dan weighs
about a ton.

FOR SALE—A good pair of work
horses. Weight about 2400. Well
matched and all right. Inquire at
this office.

Miss Vera Richardson went to Grace

Hospital in Detroit this morning, to

undergo an operation for a gathering
in her head.

S. C. Brink was called to Battle
Creek last Saturday, where his son is
dangerously ill with a cancer on his
neck.

Including summer schools Michigan
is the third largest university in the
United States with Harvard and
Chicago only leading.

ATTENTION—Marvin Post no. 240
G. A. R. Next Saturday evening
will be our annual election of officers.
Every Comrad is expected to be pres-
ent. By order of Com.

A. L. Pond, Adj't.

MARRIED—At the home of Mr.
and Mrs. C. Milsbury, Dec. 15, Ed-
mond Goulet and Miss Octavia, Iona
Hunt of Roscommon. Rev. Johnson
officiating.

The Young People's Dancing Club
held their second party for the season
at the opera house Friday evening,
with an attendance of nearly one
hundred, and had a very enjoyable
time, led by Clark's orchestra.

Arthur Fournier is home from the
Notre Dame University for the Hol-
iday. He is looking as though in study
and will be here all the time.

Prosecuting Attorney of Roscom-

mon, Michigan. Settlers are welcome
to any downwood or dead timber for
fuel. Michigan Central Park Co.,
1125 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

RECEIVED—

Canary Birds Imported Hatz Car-
nary, St. Andrewsburg, Indiana, Eng-
lish Canaries, also many other kinds
of song and fancy birds for sale.

Victor Salling.

Notice our equipment this week,

paying a list of the lands in Crawford

County to be sold for the tax of 1905
and previous years. Do not destroy

your lands are included.

Ex Supervisor Strittmatter of Beau-
ver Creek was in town Saturday with

the crowd of Christmas shoppers. He

reports everything moving all right

on the farm.

L. R. Beckum of Maple Forest is

installing the heating apparatus and

plumbing in the opera house, which he

will add greatly to the comfort and

convenience of the building.

All the R. R. employees received

their pay for November work last Fri-

day and large parts of it were expended

to give joy to friends by loving

gifts in remembrance.

Most of our merchants are distribut-

ing 1905 barters to their customers.

They have finer selections than ever

and all were purchased at the AVALANCHE

office, which means "support

home trade."

The most general conundrum being

propounded here at present is, "what

is the meaning of the Curfew ordi-

nance, ordained and published last

fall by the council."

Miss Friella Camp of Wellington is

justly proud of a beautiful present

from her school teacher, for not being

absent or tardy during the last term

of school.

Although the village seems busi-

ness and crowded, yet there

is a noticeable vacancy from the fact

of the absence of so many for the

Holiday week, especially the entire

teaching force from the school.

Ohio, in spite of her numerous col-

leges, sends 408 students to the Uni-

versity of Michigan. Illinois sends

315, New York 299, Indiana 192, and

Pennsylvania 181.

The M. P. Church, south side, will

commence revival services on Sun-

day evening Dec. 20th, conducted by

Mrs. Elizabeth Strouse, evangelist.

Services to begin at 7 o'clock. All

are invited to attend the services.

To watch the happy throngs throng-

ing our stores for the past week and

carrying away almost the entire

stocks of holiday goods, which were

larger and better than ever, one

Almanac

By R. E. Parker

MICHIGAN

PACKED BY NEGRO.

Men Follow "Assassins" into Citizens' Wife.
An automobile, in buggies, on
foot, and afoot, accompanied by a
party of mounted police, searched
the house where the brutally attacked Mr.
Hershey, the pretty young wife
of a famous man, Mrs. Hershey, who is
quiet in society. She was alone in her
room when she heard a noise in the house.
She went to investigate and was
met by the black. He threw her to the
ground and beat her. He left
the unconscious woman out of the house,
was seen by neighbors to walk away,
entered the house and found Mrs.
Hershey bleeding from a wound in her
body. The police, however, and the
wives started in pursuit, determined
to catch the culprit.

CARRIES REVOLVER TO PREACH.

Pastor Draws Weapon to Chase Thief
and Church Will Excommunicate.
While Rev. John Comin, pastor of the
North Congregational Church in Zanesville, Ohio, was preaching Sunday, he saw
a thief sneak out of the cloakroom with an overcoat. Drawing a revolver from his pocket, the pastor jumped from the pulpit and pursued the man. He chased him down the street and fired at him, but
the thief escaped. One of his parishioners
ventured to ask the minister why he
carried a revolver. He got no answer.
Now the trustees of the church will
begin an investigation and see if there
has been any armed.

BOY THIEF IS HELD.

Police Declare 17-Year-Old Youngster Confessed Express Robber.
According to the New York police, William White, a 17-year-old boy, has confessed the theft of the \$3,000 package of jewelry stolen from the United States Express Company. He was arrested in Jersey City after trying to dispose of the gems for \$8. The lad, a 300-pound weakling, had for 20 cents fed to his capture. The prisoner was a boy in one of the express company's wagons in Jersey City. His wagon carried the valuable package, which he put into his pocket as the wagon was being unloaded.

ROBBER IS KILLED IN FIGHT.

Cleveland Policeman Hits Hold-up Man in Exchange of Shots.
John Schmitz, a hold-up man, was killed in a running fight which he and two companions had with two policemen on the Central Avenue in Cleveland. A dozen shots were exchanged. The robber was seen to throw up his arms and fall to the earth. The latter entering the back-pierced the heart. Death was instantaneous. His companions surrendered when he dropped. The two had attempted to kidnap Frank Schmitz, a lawyer, Schmitz killed a man in a saloon two years ago.

Banker Freed by Tax Court.

Gov. Hoch of Kansas has commuted to five years the sentence of J. E. Marcell, the Highland, Kan., banker, for prison for forgery under indeterminate sentence. This includes the time served in jail and time off for good behavior, making the actual time four years and one month. Marcell was accused of speculating with the bank's funds. He will get his freedom Feb. 23.

DR. GIBSON'S NEW TREAT.

Dr. Giobson, a prominent physician in New York, of an attempt to murder, will ask for a new trial on the admission of the principal witness, Bruno Corvo, just committed to prison on the promise of reward. Corvo testified that Giobson forced him \$1,250 to kill Judge Pavao, with whose wife, Corvo said, Giobson was in love.

Noted Dressmaker Is Dead.

Mr. Paquin, the famous dressmaker, who since the death of Worth has fashioned gowns for the aristocracy of Europe and the wealth of America, died at his home in Paris. He was known all over the world as a designer who set the fashions for the courts of Europe and for Newport and New York.

Twenty Hundreds for Sundae Work.

Nine hundred and thirty-eight indigent men were returned the other day in Kansas City, Mo., to the employment of the Sunday-feeding law. Sixty-five indigents were nearing the managers and employees of theaters and several bands were against public and other structures.

Large Aggregate of Crop Varieties.

Government food crop report shows a shortage of several hundred millions of bushels in the principal cereals, but that the aggregate on the farms is much higher than last year.

Ingratitude Causes Bank Failure.

The private bank of August Salom & Co. in Chicago collapsed through the appearance of its cashier and \$10,000 of its funds revealing a pathetic story of a man's trust in his adopted son.

Wealthy Broker Killed.

James H. Oliphant, a wealthy New York broker, was shot and killed by his son, Charles A. Geiger, who had lost his fortune in speculation, and who then killed himself.

Stores Burn in Lane, Kan.

Fire destroyed the greater part of the business section of Lane, Kan., last Monday. In attempting to stop the flames it became necessary to blow up the post-office building with dynamite.

Singer Baby Dies Like Fowl.

After watching the parents sing the down from a plucked fowl, the 2-year-old son of James Cather, in Owen Sound, Ont., lit a roll of paper when left alone with his baby sister and applied it to the child's dress. The baby was so badly burned that it died half an hour later.

Season's Loss Is \$743,000.

The total loss to vessel property on the great lakes amounted to \$743,000 for the season of 1907, according to figures compiled by Cleveland marine men. Thirteen steamers and one schooner were lost.

Kills Himself to Foul Black Hand.

After hanging up a sign, "This store closed on account of death in the family," Max Bovay, a well-to-do saloon keeper of West Mount Vernon, N. Y., committed suicide by hanging himself. For several months Bovay venture had been receiving threatening letters from a Black Hand Society.

SEVENTY KILLED IN MINE.

Great Explosion Entombs Nearly One Hundred Men in Alabama.

As the result of an explosion in the coal mines at Yalinde, Ala., seventy and perhaps seventy-five, men are dead. The work of recovery, which was delayed in the beginning by the character of the explosion and the fire, has been slow, and hundreds of miners from nearby camps helped in the work of taking out the bodies.

The explosion occurred at about 10:30 o'clock Monday morning, and so far its cause has not been determined. Less than one hundred men went into the mine that morning, and this accounts for the fact that the loss of life was not heavier. The mine has in the past been pronounced free from gas by the State mining inspectors, and it is supposed that the explosion was caused by dust. When a mine is not properly sprinkled and the air is allowed to fill with fine coal dust, particles of it become almost as explosive as gas.

The explosion was below the second right subentry. The mines go down 1,000 feet. There was a terrific explosion, dust and timber being blown out in great quantities, destroying small buildings near by. There was intense heat immediately after the explosion.

Officials of the company on the scene immediately took steps to organize a rescue party to get to the men. The fans were started and other methods taken to eliminate the bad air. Within an hour fourteen men had crawled out of the mine. Several of these were badly burned.

Yalinde mine is but a few miles from Virginia City, where a similar explosion occurred about two years ago. 112 men were killed at that time. Yalinde is thirty-five miles south of Birmingham, the Yalinde Coal and Coke Company is headed by Dr. G. B. Crowe of Birmingham.

The Yalinde mines were among the minor concerns of the Birmingham district. Non-union men were worked exclusively.

Everything possible had been done to insure the contentment of employees with their conditions.

TAX TO DEFINE EPILEPSY.

Specialists Begin Investigation of the Mysterious Malady.

During the next year specialists on mental and nervous diseases will determine the definition of epilepsy and also of determining what is its cure. After many years of treatment of this disease, members of the National Society for the Study and Treatment of Epilepsy, which recently concluded its convention at Richmond, Va., have found

themselves confronted by a chaotic state which makes it necessary that a uniform definition of epilepsy be agreed upon and a uniform cure for it be found before proceeding further.

The treatment of epileptic cases is one phase of the progress being made toward more humanitarian methods of treatment of the unfortunate.

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THE FAMOUS DUKE-PORTLAND CASE.



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G. HOLLAMBY DRUSE

400 ARE ENTOMBED IN PENNSYLVANIA MINE.

Terrible Explosion Imprisons All the Men Working in Coal Shaft Near Connellsville.

FIRE ADDS TO AWFUL HORROR.

Dark Workings, Owned by Pittsburgh Coal Company, the Scene of Latest Slaughter of Miners.

Four hundred miners were entombed in the dark mines of the Pittsburgh Coal Company at Jacobs Creek on the Monongahela River, eighteen miles west of Connellsville, Pa. Of the victims fully 100 were Americans, the others being numerically important.

A terrible explosion shook the vicinity of the mine Thursday morning and announced to all the surrounding country that a great disaster had occurred under the surface. Smoke soon began to issue in heavy columns from the mine, which is on the slope of a hill. The mouth of the mine was wrecked, and this, together with the fire which was discovered raging inside, prevented any attempt to rescue the imprisoned men.

Within a few minutes after the explosion the mouth of the pit was surrounded by the relatives and friends of the entombed men. Smoke and flames issuing from the mine made it impossible to enter and the wives and children were frantic.

The scene of the explosion is on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad side of the Monongahela River, Jacobs Creek, on the high line of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad, 18 miles west of Connellsville.

The officials of the Pittsburgh Coal Company stated that the mine was one of the largest and was equipped with the most modern appliances for mining. The Pittsburgh Coal Company mines are on both sides of the Monongahela River. The coal mined in this field is used for coking purposes. The territory is a part of the original Connellsville coke field and the mines are said to contain considerable gas.

The mine was not in session Thursday. Private interests in the session of the House centered in the appointment of the State Auditor in the appointment of the various committees. Many of importance were introduced. An unsuccessful effort was made to block the election of the State Auditor.

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Michigan State News

\$400 TURNED INTO SUGAR.

Miss Brown Was Among Beets in Factory's Flame.

A costly batch of sugar has been turned out at the West Bay City Sugar Company, for in the recent product run through the factory was the macerated remains of \$400 in bills dropped accidentally into a pot-honey by Leon Wyaczas, a Hungarian employed shoveling beets into the conveyor. Wyaczas had the money in a roll in his coat pocket. It dropped out as he was working over the conveyor in the flame and he was unable to find it again. Wyaczas had been advised to put his money in the bank, but he was afraid he could not get it out again so he carried the roll on his person day and night.

ROTHER FIGHTS BROTHER.

Charles McCaffery Charged with Murder, Says James is Guilty.

Charles McCaffery, charged with the attempted murder of his brother, James, has been bound over to the Circuit Court by Justice C. J. Lane of Marshall. McCaffery was charged with having attempted to shoot his brother, but the brother got the drop on him and shot himself. Charles had one finger shot off, and James had him arrested. Now Charles proposes to have James arrested on the same charge, and says that he has saved his finger, which was shot off, as actual proof that James shot to kill. The warrant has not been issued, the matter being under advisement.

"SOO" JUDGE RAPS JURY.

Man Acquitted After Charged with Murder—Court Not Pleased.

Thomas McFarlane, charged with murdering William Nixon in a lonely hut in the woods on May 22, was acquitted by a jury in Indiana's criminal court in South Bend, after a trial of over six hours. The court was told the jury had said it could not see how the journey could bring such a verdict. The penalty for the crime would have been hanging. The evidence was all circumstantial. The men were together a short time before the murder, but nothing was said to indicate the crime was committed. When the verdict was announced, McFarlane said, "Thank God," and collapsed.

BOY IS ROOSEVELT'S RIVAL.

Louis Frank, 14, Shoots Three Birds in Two Weeks.

Louis Frank, the 14-year-old son of Albert Frank, who lives near Dugout, is rapidly becoming a dangerous rival of President Roosevelt's "big-bird" hunter. During two weeks the young hunter has dispatched three bears, one of which weighed over 400 pounds. In all the boy killed five birds in his short life, killing two last fall and three this year. Bears are numerous here. Louis, this fall, is the number one hunter having birds killed in the vicinity of that village lately.

BOY ADMITS GOOD THEFTS.

Released on Probation, Providing He Goes to School.

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GETS BIG INCORPORATION BILL.

Michigan State Board of Ethics of Pere Marquette Papers.

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"Old Long" Body is Found Buried in Snow.

Although crippled and ill, "Old Long," a semi-savage to the citizens of Calumet, started to walk to Tigrayville, 30 miles away. He died from the cold. "Old Long" came to Tigrayville a year ago and established his home in the woods a few miles from town. He never left his home in Calumet, where his old home was in Calumet.

DALE DIAHOLM FRIED.

The three hundred mills of the Calumet Company were destroyed by fire in Marquette. George Diaholm, 28, old, a night foreman, and Night Watchman Andrew Norton were buried to death. The property loss was \$100,000.

SHINPLANTING PLANT REOPENED.

It is announced that work will be resumed at the plant, 2000 feet above the surface, the day after Thanksgiving. The plant, which had been closed for a month, will be put back to work at once, and the force will be added to as needed.

Death News Is Fatal.

Mrs. Bridget Boyle, a pioneer resident of the village of Keweenaw, died yesterday. Her husband was killed recently in a fall from a horse.

CORN-FLAKES MAKES BIGGER.

Patrick Dunigan, a farmer, lost two fingers in a corn husker while preparing the machine on his farm near Hammar. Dunigan owns the land and makes out all right, but the two fingers he lost will never be replaced for the purpose of stealing something.

DETROIT SOCIETY SHOCKED.

Henry B. Ledyard Erases 800 Names from Society List of 1,000. Henry B. Ledyard, the austere former president of the Michigan Central Railroad and now a member of the executive board of the New York Central, has given Detroit's society a rude jolt by erasing 800 names from an invitation list of 1,000 as parvenus and phony millionaires and just 200 real blue-bloods graced the floor of the Assembly Hall, the greatest social event of the year. Mr. Ledyard is chairman of the invitation committee and the way he blue-pencil the near rich has shocked Detroit so that many never will get over it. When the committee met to decide on those who would get invitations, Mr. Ledyard "made a few remarks." Just as an instance of how wealth did not count, Mr. Ledyard scratched off the name of one of the city's greatest merchants and millionaires, whose house is in the same block as his.

WOMAN SERIOUSLY BURNED.

Mrs. Lucea Hauville May Die from Kerosene Explosion.

Mrs. Lucea Hauville, aged 87 years and crippled, living alone in Muskegon, toddled downstairs to light a fire to cook her morning breakfast at 6 o'clock the other morning. Her can of kerosene exploded, enveloping her in flames. Neighbors found her with her clothes burned off and her body blackened. She was carried to Mercy hospital, where doctors say she has an even chance for life. The house was damaged to the extent of \$500.

WHEAT CONDITION IS GOOD.

Monthly Crop Report Gives Its Percentage as 83.

What sowed this fall has made a good start, according to the monthly crop report. Its condition is reported at 83 per cent. The condition of soy is 86 per cent and fall pastures 82 per cent. Live stock is reported in good condition, the per cent being 91 for horses, cattle and swine and 90 for sheep. Hog situation is reported in Kalamazoo, Lenawee, Monroe and St. Joseph counties.

Baker Succeeded—Mining Strike.

George S. Baker has been chosen by the agents of the University of Michigan to succeed Marion Harrison Smith as professor of mining in the term of that official expires in February.

Naval School Bombs Burn.

The bombs destroyed the primary school house at Noyes, the blaze originating from the furnace. The loss is about \$700. The lower hall will be used temporarily as a school house.

SHORT STATE ITEMS.

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It is announced that work will be resumed at the plant, 2000 feet above the surface, the day after Thanksgiving. The plant, which had been closed for a month, will be put back to work at once, and the force will be added to as needed.

Death News Is Fatal.

Mrs. Bridget Boyle, a pioneer resident of the village of Keweenaw, died yesterday. Her husband was killed recently in a fall from a horse.

CORN-FLAKES MAKES BIGGER.

Patrick Dunigan, a farmer, lost two fingers in a corn husker while preparing the machine on his farm near Hammar. Dunigan owns the land and makes out all right, but the two fingers he lost will never be replaced for the purpose of stealing something.

DETROIT POPULAR PUPIL

HYMNS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

The Shepherd Psalm.
The Lord is my shepherd; I'll not want:
He maketh me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet ways by.

My soul doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod
And staff my comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy, all my life,
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.

How may we find that proportion of
Honor and relief, that happy mixture of
duty and delight that shall make life
not only enduring, but also useful,
fruitful and enjoyable? Is it man's

duty to be happy; otherwise he can
never be useful in any high or valuable
sense.

It would be easy to try to give comfort by the philosophy which sees the true fruitage that is coming from to-day's stern discipline. That fair fruitage is coming, but the trouble is it is far off to give us much comfort now; we want something nearer and more easily apprehended. Then, too, the truth is no high fruitage will ever issue from a life crushed by slavish subjection.

After all, what life is to everyone of us depends not on the demands of other circumstances, but on the development of the life within. The heart determines the worth and beauty of life. It makes all the difference whether the physical determines its circumference or whether you have an intellect that is reaching out to the things unmeasurable and a soul that grows into glory indescribably.

You can tie a great soul-down hand and brain to a loom or a machine and it will still see his vision and dream his deep, refreshing dreams; you can set the brain being down in a gallery of the world's treasures of art and beauty and he will think of nothing and have made for the printing of all bills in the daily journal a certain number of days before such may be taken up for use.

It has been the vision to introduce skeleton bills, which have served for the framework of state legislation, and that is a lesson learned that in consequence

of previous legislation given to it.

THIS STANDS ON INITIATIVE.

Among all the proposals made to the convention none has attracted more attention than the bill to have the initiative made a part of the new constitution, and, indeed, before the convention has come with more dramatic effect than that in which Hon. Mr. Campbell attacked the constitutionality of the proposed change. Mr. Campbell intends to continue his agitation in favor of the bill, and will probably publish his views in a pamphlet. He will also endeavor to impress upon his fellow-members his stand on the bill, and will be sure to have it voted upon.

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beauty of life and of nothing but bread and butter.

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but we can do them and he can

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A WIFE'S LOVE

BY DOROTHY DEANE

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Lige Bennett walked to town that morning because the horse was lame. It was five miles, and cold, but he allowed to make it in a couple of hours, and he'd keep warm walking.

Mandy watched him from the kitchen door as he went down the road, then she turned back to where Lige was washing dishes in a spiritless kind of way.

"It's jest a year since your pa quit drinking," she said. "I believe he's going to stick to it this time."

Lige's face brightened. She was a pale girl, with wide, gray-brown eyes and hair of a pale shade that harmonized dullly with her face. She was 13 and had never been very strong. Her mother was a wiry little woman with black hair, dark blue eyes, deep set, a straight nose, and a mouth that closed in very decided fashion.

It turned cold that afternoon, bitter cold. Lige was not home by dark, so Lige and her mother did the milking and the chores. They waited supper till seven, then they ate theirs and set his in the oven to keep warm.

"I don't see why your pa don't come," Mandy said, coming back from the gate where she had gone to listen a dozen times or more.

They sat down again over the kitchen fire. They were usually in bed long before this time, and Lige was sleepy, but her mother was nervously alert.

When the clock struck nine, she got up. "I'm going over to Martin's," she said; "maybe they saw your pa to-day."

Lige roused herself suddenly. "You don't suppose pa..."

"No, I don't," said Mandy firmly.

"Something's the matter, but I ain't that I know it ain't that."

"Let me go too," said Lige, getting her hood.

"No, we wasn't leave the house alone. I'll take King along."

"Martin's'll be all asleep by this time."

"I'll wake 'em," answered Mandy, grimly.

King bounded up to her as she opened the door. She stopped a minute to pat the great, handsome fellow and put her arms around his neck. "King, old fellow," she said with a half sob. "Lige ain't come home. We must go find him."

It was a quarter of a mile to Martin's. The house was dark, but the knocked and called.

"Who's there?" asked Joe Martin, from within.

"It's me—Mandy Bennett," Lige ain't get home."

Martin opened the door after a minute's delay, and Mandy went inside.

"Lige ain't got home," said Joe.

"Why, I passed her about five o'clock, just outside of town. I'd a took her in the buggy, but Sally was along, an' the baby, an' we had a lot of things."

"What's the matter, Joe?" asked his wife, querulously, from the bedroom.

"It's Mandy; she's lookin' for Lige.

"He ain't home yet."

"Well, it ain't the first time," said Sally. "Pity she has to come and wake us up this time of night. I'd let him go, if I was her."

"Likely he stopped in somewhere."

Joe said: "I wouldn't worry, Mandy."

Mandy was shivering. She took hold of the door knob so steadily herself.

"Joe Martin, Lige wasn't—The words ended in a choke.

"Well," said Joe slowly, "it was pretty dark and I couldn't see very well, but I guess he was all right; I guess he was Mandy." He put his hand on her shoulder in an awkward attempt to comfort her. "I guess he will get home all right."

Mandy drew her shawl around her. Her face looked gray and drawn in the half-dark room. There was no light but the dying fire. She went out into the night again and heard Joe shut the door behind her.

"Oh, Lord," she said, "it can't be that! Don't let it be that!"

King looked up into her face and whined softly, vaguely troubled.

When Lige woke up the room was gray with the dawn. She was still in the chair by the kitchen stove. Her head on the table. The fire had died out hours ago; she was stiff and sore. At first she could not think how she came to be there. She looked about her in the gray light and shivered in the deadly chill of the room.

The utter silence of the house frightened her. She went into the little bedroom; it was unoccupied. The front room too, was empty. She went back to the kitchen, shaking with cold and fear.

When she had laid and lit a fire, she heard the cows lowing impatiently in the barn; the horse neighed for his breakfast. Then must be attended to. She took the milk pails and went out into the nipping air. King, too, was gone. She hurried through the chores and went into the house and strained the milk.

Just as she took up her hood and shawl again, her father came in at the door.

"Well," he said, pinching her pale cheek good-naturedly with a cold hand. "Not any breakfast left? I stay all night in town. 'Twas late when I got through, and I thought I couldn't risk it. Doc Hunt brought me some this morning. Where's your

"I don't know," said Lige, beginning to cry. Her father took her roughly by the arm.

"What do you mean?" he asked. "I don't know," said Lige again. "She went to look for you last night. She ain't here."

Lige let go her arm. His face looked suddenly gray and old.

"Where did she go, Lige?" he asked with his hand on the latch.

"Over to Martin's. It was nine o'clock," said Lige sobbing. "Oh, pa, what do you suppose has happened?"

Lige stopped and kissed her with sudden tenderness. Then he put her away and strode out at the door. He hurried down the road, half running.

Part of the time he swore; part of the time he prayed.

Joe Martin saw him coming from the back door and went to meet him as he came up, pale and panting.

"Is Mandy here?" he asked.

"No, Lige, she ain't. She was over here last night lookin' for you. Ain't she home?"

The strength went suddenly out of Lige Bennett's big frame. He sat down on the woodpile.

"No," he said, "she's gone. Lige's there alone. Mandy didn't get back."

Sally Martin came out to the woodpile with a shawl over her head to listen.

"Maybe she went somewhere else," said Joe reflectively.

Lige shook his head desparately.

"No, she wouldn't do that. My God, Joe, if she was out last night—"

He got up suddenly and started off as he walked.

Sally looked after him. "I guess he's got a little something abroad."

Joe turned to her more sternly than

Home Circle Department

Crude thoughts as they fall from the Editorial Pen—Pleasant Evening Reveries.

A column dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

A happy New Year,

The good old wish fulfills itself;

You have a happy year.

Who wish it for all others

In kindnessiness;

So face the future bravely.

Believing in its best.

And look with eyes of faith and hope

For happiness and rest.

Each year is full of gladness

For those with hands to take

The gift, as one of blessing.

And use, as for God's sake.

It cannot but be happy.

Since warmth and joy shall be.

Where the home-light burns brightly,

And love is real and free.

For when the heart takes courage

And trust is joined to prayer,

Then life itself is beautiful.

And every day is fair.

New Year Reveries.

The days, weeks, and years slip

away like water in a running stream.

Time's great clock never loses a moment.

Keenly, keenly, more than

memories pass, and our eager hearts are

not able to detain them.

We cannot keep back the flying years, but we can and should keep the blessings they bring.

Hold fast to the lessons they have taught. Keep the memory of their joys—brighten every day of

life with the gathered wealth of the days behind. The years pass, but

they leave their treasure with us, if our hands and fingers are open to receive them, so as with one hand we

shake farewell to 1907, let us stretch

out the other hand to warmly greet

and welcome 1908.

May every day be a royal possession.

To high-born purpose and steadfast aim.

And every hour in its swift progression.

Make life more worthy than when it came.

Renewed feelings of ambition are synonymous with the opening of the New Year. More resolutions are made than at any other time, and often they are alas! broken. But with

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